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Pankaj Oudhia

Introduction

Based on Ethnobotanical surveys since year 1990 in different parts of India Pankaj Oudhia has documented vital information about Medicinal Plants mentioned in the famous publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918). Through this research document Pankaj Oudhia has tried to present original document with additional notes. For complete paper with pictures, Interactive Tables, Video and Audio clips please visit pankajoudhia.com

For original publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918) please visit <https://archive.org/details/indianmedicinalp01kirt>

158. *Urena lobata*, Linn, h.f.b.l, i. 329.

Roxb. 519.

Verm : — Bun-ochra (B.) ; Bhidi janelet (SantaL) ; Bachita

(N.-W.P.) ; Vana-bhenda, Ran-tupkada ; Wagclau Bhendi

(Marathi) ; Villiak (Konkan).

Brachta, Bachit, Bachita (Hindi) ; (Sinhalese) Valta Epala.

Habitat : — Generally distributed over the hotter parts of

India. Waste open ground, Ceylon.

A very variable, herbaceous plant, more or less hairy.

Leaves about 1-2 by 2-3 in., cordate 5-7-lobed, acute or obtuse ; nerves 5-7, prominent on the under surface, the three central, or the midrib only, provided with a gland on the under surface; petiole usually shorter than the blade. Bracteoles oblong-lanceolate, equalling the Calyx. Flowers bright pink, darker • in the centre, clustered. Carpels densely pubescent, echinate. Capsules barbed.

Use : — In Chhota Nagpur, the root is employed as an

external remedy for rheumatism. (Revd. Campbell). **[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *All parts of Urena are used as medicine. Through Ethnobotanical surveys conducted in different parts of India since year 1990 I have collected information about over 200,000 Traditional Herbal Formulations in which Urena parts are added as important ingredient. For details please see Tables Urena-1 to Urena-250.***

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